

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

ITEM

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DECISION

TOPIC

CONCESSION CONTRACT – LAKE MANAWA STATE PARK

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested to enter into a concession contract for Lake Manawa State Park. Notice of concession availability was published in the Des Moines Register Sunday Business pages. Notices were also published in newspapers local to Council Bluffs and Omaha. No bids were received and the Department exercised its authority, according to 571 IAC section 14.3(1), to contact potentially interested persons to negotiate a contract. The Department contacted Nancy Hoden of Council Bluffs, a manager with Casey's General Store in Council Bluffs.

Nancy Hoden of Council Bluffs proposes a five year contract offering: snack-type food service; convenience store items for sale; bait sales; boat rental; lifeguarded (fee admission) beach with free admission; firewood sales; bike rentals; catering services; and operation of Shelter #3 near the beach. Ms. Hoden proposes the following fees to be paid to the State: 2007 - \$1,000; 2008 - \$2,000; 2009-2011 - \$2,600 each year. Ms. Hoden plans to finance the operation by utilizing some of her savings and by securing a small loan.

Staff recommends awarding the concession contract to Nancy Hoden of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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